

REMARKS

In section 4 of the Office Action, the Examiner acknowledges that claims 42-45 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. The limitations of claim 42 have been incorporated into the base claim (claim 38). Thus, the Applicant believes that claim 38 is now in condition for allowance. Claims 39-41 and 43-45 are also patentable, at least by virtue of their dependency from claim 28. Claim 42 has been canceled to avoid duplicity.

Disagreement matter of record

At sections 2-3 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejects claims 38-41 under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Schroder (US Patent No. 6,215,135). The Applicant does not agree with the grounds for these rejections and wishes to make his disagreement a matter of record.

For example, the Applicant believes that Schroder does not disclose "a second doping region having said second conductivity type, disposed on said substrate and electrically floated on said substrate", as recited by claim 38 of the present application.

However, being desirous to conserve time and funds, the Applicant agrees to adopt the Examiner's recommendations. The Applicant understands that claims 42-45 will be allowed if re-written in independent form including all of the limitations of the base and intervening claims.

The Applicant reserves the right to seek protection for any unclaimed

subject matter either subsequently in the prosecution of the present case or in a divisional or continuation application.

The Applicant has attempted to address all of the issues raised by the Examiner in the Office Action as the Applicant understands them. The Applicant believes that the application is now in condition for allowance. If any point requires further explanation, the Examiner is invited to telephone Troy Cai at (323) 934-2300 or e-mail Troy Cai at tcai@ladasparry.com.

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